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TO: ALL COUNTY CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)
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PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE (HCPCFC)
SUPERVISING PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES,
STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF
AND REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT: UNDERSTANDING THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM IN CALIFORNIA:
A PRIMER FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS AND POLICYMAKERS

The purpose of this CHDP Information Notice is to provide a copy of a resource to local public health professionals working in the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care and CHDP Program. Understanding the Child Welfare System in California: A Primer for Service Providers and Policymakers, published in November 2002, by the California Center for Research on Women and Families, provides a clear, concise and comprehensive overview of California's child welfare system. This publication will be useful in the initial and continued orientation of public health professionals to child welfare services. It is an excellent resource to support continued collaboration among public health, child welfare, probation, juvenile court, health care providers, and health care service agencies and institutions to promote access to preventive health and other needed health care services for children and youth in out-of-home placement.



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Additional copies of Understanding the Child Welfare System in California: A Primer for Service Providers and Policymakers can be obtained from the following web site <http://www.ccrwf.org> or by contacting:

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